GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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International Students Assessment
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to rejoin program for international student assessment being conducted by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development;
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) There is no such proposal at present.
(b) & (c) India has not participated in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) Test after 2009 as India has developed its own student assessment system called the National Achievement Survey (NAS), which is conducted by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) across the country using the latest international Item Response Theory (IRT) methodology. The NAS is conducted for classes III, V, VIII & X, i.e., the critical stages of education of early primary, end of primary, upper primary and secondary levels. The NAS provides detailed information on learning outcomes which is useful for teacher training, curriculum development and for improving quality of education.
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